

License and Permits:
Louisiana’s Sport Fishing License is required to fish and cast net on the refuge. A special use permit is required for fishing guide services.

Refuge Hours:
Official sunrise to sunset. Cast netting is permitted from noon to sunset only during the Louisiana Inland Water Shrimp Season. All other activities conducted outside refuge hours are prohibited.

Possession Limits:
The daily fish limits are the same as Louisiana’s Sport Fishing Limits. The daily crab limit is 5 dozen per day per vehicle or boat. The daily limit is 5 gallons of heads-on shrimp per day per vehicle or boat. No turtles, frogs or other amphibians or reptiles may be taken or possessed within the refuge.

Public Access:
Fishing and public access is permitted from March 15 through October 15 on designated waterways and management units. Only bank fishing along Highway 27 is permitted year-round.

Fishing:
Fishing with rod and reel, pole and line or jug and line is permitted.

Jug Fishing:
Jug line fishing is permitted in canals open to the public. Jugs are limited to 10 per boat. Jug lines must be attended at all times and marked with the attendant’s fishing license number. All jugs must be removed from the refuge daily.

Cast netting:
Cast netting is permitted for shrimp only. Five foot (5 ft.) cast nets with a maximum allowable stretch to 72" hanging radius length are permitted. Cast netters must maintain actual

custody of shrimp while on the refuge. This means the transfer of shrimp to another individual, boat, or vehicle, or the placement of shrimp at a location outside of the shrimpers custody, while on the refuge, is prohibited. All by-catch must be immediately returned to the water.

Crabbing:
Crabs may be taken with hand lines only.

Boat, Motor and Operation Limits:
All State Boating regulations must be followed. Boats may not be dragged across levees. Only outboard motors may be operated in designated refuge canals, bayous, and Management Units 1A, 1B, and 3. Outboard motors up to 40 hp are permitted in Refuge Management Units. The operation of any type of boat motor in the refuge marshes is prohibited. The operation of trolling motors in the refuge is permitted. All boaters must obey the posted NO WAKE ZONES.

Littering:
Help keep these marshes beautiful by taking all litter home. You are saving wildlife dollars. The use or possession of glass containers on the refuge is prohibited.

Others:
Persons using Hog Island Gully or West Cove Canals may only transport shrimp trawls, butterfly nets or other gear from the boat ramps to Calcasieu Lake and return with their catch.

Portable grills, campfires, and cooking fires are prohibited on the refuge.

Firearms and other type weapons are prohibited on the refuge during the sport fishing season.

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National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Regulations



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